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LARGEST MORNING CIRCULATION IN KANSAS CITY

for Kansas; Showers; cooler; north

GOOD MORNING.

Governor Stone deliberated long on the anti-butterine bill and finally did the wrong thing.

The price of cattle is coming down again, but it will probably take the burehers some time to discover it.

Secretary Morton differs from President Cleveland in the respect that he is honest enough to say "gold" when he

needed in New England. The residents of that section are suffering greatly from floods: It is hard to conceive of a party whose

Some Western rainmakers are hadly

future is more beelouded or whose pres-ent is more desperate than that of the Democratic party.

Joe Jefferson says the most important quality for an actor to possess is per-sonal magnetism. The ability to dodge eggs is also useful. The Tennesses legislature is going to

considerable expense of time and money in the vain effort to give coloring of honesty to a plain theft. Corks to the value of \$4,000,000 were

produced in this country last year. This is one industry to which the hard times The courts will be called on to admin-

ister to the anti-butterine bill the knockout drops which the governor didn't have the nerve to give it.

The hardest blow that Governor Morrill can administer to Mr. Pickering is not to notice him. Pickering is after personal advertisement more than he is

money will not make the people forget that bond deal in which twenty millions of their money was poured into the Bel-mont and Morgan coffers. On the whole, it might be better for

Mr. John W. Foster to come on home and collect his fee through attorneys. There is no telling just how the Chinese emperor may view that settlement.

By the way of encouraging immigra Smith might announce that all veterans be treated fairly in the matter of pen-

in regard to Minister Thurston's recall made nobody in Hawati appears to have

The latest product of the Worth establishment is a dress sieve in imitation of a stained glass window. If species keep on growing it will soon be possible to represent antire churches in

United States last year and only 112 is mil executions. In the light of such a showing it is not corprising that an our raged people semetimes take the law

John Wilkes Booth, according to re-ports, has been seen at different times in Europe, Asia, Africa, the islands of the sea and South America. In order to convince a common sense public, how-

more than likely they will not think even themselves. Human nature is an erimment. England is interposing to operational that people rarely feel press that country. The Monroe doctions warrants this country in interfer-

Notwithstanding its overthrow and humiliation the gang has not lost its nerve. Mr. Residear's request for a commission on the strength of commission on the strength of a re-count which shows the most flagrant. The disaster of the thriving and ener-

Everest, Kas., was given a warm reception by the Commercial Club resterday. Forty cars of wheat at one shipment from a single town is pretty good business even for Kansas. It is becoming generally recognized that Kansas wheat is the best wheat in the world, and the state is one of the heaviest wheat producers in the Union Law. wheat producers in the Union. Last | But the people who have settled the ter- campaign, and his first command is

Yew years ago there was enough produced to pay off a good many millions of farm indebtedness and still leave sufficient for home consumption. Kaneas City is glad to welcome detegations of Kansas business men and producers, and will do everything possible to make their visits pleasant. The cordial relations already existing should be mutually cultivated and the state and the city brought into the closest business intimacy, to the upbuilding and strengthening of both

A GREAT NEWSPAPER.

It is customary for papers unused to proper methods to continually exploit every new venture as if it were an especfally new thing in newspaperdom-The best newspaper constantly seeks those improvements that go to make the sum of perfection, and having secured them wastes no time in talling the public what it already knows and approclates, but goes ahead on the wave of progress and looks after new

The Journal, which has always led in Washington, April 21.—For Oklahoma and Indian Territory: Party cloudy: cooler: west to northwest winds.

For Missouri: Showers: cooler; south. both as to character of circulation and every new venture that marks progress and newsy paper, with sound editorial doctrines that appeal directly to the in-

telligence of the people.

If evidence were needed to prove the constant superiority of the Journal over all other papers of this part of the counover the files for the past week to see most important ones appearing exclusively in the Journal from twelve to twenty-four hours ahead of all its con-

the Journal is shown by the wonderful increase in circulation during the past nat reduced the price to meet the exig-encies of the hard times brought about by the demonstration of silver and accession of Democracy to administrative position in national affairs. This reduction struck a popular chord and sul precedented numbers that the force of tion departments was found totally in-

adequate to meet the rush. But it is not only through this enermous increase of subscribers that the Journal facis the pulse of the people Hundreds of letters come from all parts of the West praising the Journal for its accurate report of news and its These letters tell a story that even large circulation could not relate. They tions of the Journal and give to this

by any other paper in the West.
Confidence in doctrines and confidence in news columns begets confidence is the advertisements, hence it is that w Secures advantages not possessed by City. An advertiser who places his faith placed it in a good paper, but soon realizes that he reaches a class of purchasers that could not be obtained through any other medium.

THAT MONROE DOCTRINE.

The latest news regarding the troubl stween Great Britain and Nicaragua i teen ships to enforce her demand against the Nicaraguan government. United States have quietly swallowed then ignored this country in all subsequent negotiations. This country has When John Waller gets to France he | been compelled to hang around the for may be sent back home under the regu- eign logations and induce the messenger lation excluding American pork. When boys to let us see the dispatches which

creasing their output to the highest capacity, and will probably get their product into market in time to see the bottom fall out. The boom is an artificial one and already gives signs of collapsing.

"Those who have money in the oil craze," moralizes an exchange, "will be purpose of oppossing them or controlly the moralizes to thank," and presented as an infrared by this resented as an infrared by this governments.

schibition of gall as one could wish to see.

It it is true, as reported, that the Prince of Wales is not coming to the United States this year, then all the United States can do is to try to struggle along in some way without struggle along in some way without struggle along in some way without nocessity drives them.

The delegation of business men from The delegation of business men from that splendid commercial empire which has arisen in so short a time to so important in every respect. The little city is now nothing along and the empire while their utmost to recuperate. The Indian Territory, or so much of it as has been opened to actilement, hos had a marround and any event which arrests or retards the continuance of that development is a blow at the prospective of the sould empire which has arisen in so short a time to so important in every respect. The little city is now nothing then the little city is now nothing along the fact that these enjoyments are put within his reach while their utmost to recuperate. The Indian Territory, or so much of it as has been opened to actilement, hos had a marround ance of that development is a blow at the prospective of the proposed to actile ment, how nothing and the empire while the fact that these enjoyments are put within his reach while their utmost to recuperate. The Indian Territory, or so much of it as has been opened to actilement, hos had a marround and any event which a result of the fact that these enjoyments are put within his reach while their utmost to require and the empire which has been opened to actilement. So actions and the empire within his reach while their utmost to require the fact that these enjoyments are put within his reach while their utmost to require the fact that these enjoyments are put within his reach while their utmost to require the fact that these enjoyments are put within his reach while their utmost to represent the fact that these enjoyments are put within his reach while their utmost to require the fact that these enjoyments are

wear's crop was not a full crop, but if ritory, and of the plucklest nort. They, such as to raily around him the forces

of citizen. The towns are peopled th live and public spirited, indemitbte business men. The farming terri-ory is occupied by industrious and in-efallgable tillers of the soil, inured to hardships of every sort. The calamity which has fallen upon Ardmore will not trreparable. She will be lifted up and will start on a new era of prosperity and development. But the blow the town has received is a very serious one,

THE KANSAS REGENERATION. The clouds of Populism have lifted in Kansas and the sun of Republicanism and regeneration has arisen-for the twople of Kansas believe in regeneraand perseverance of the saints and the final punishment of the sinners. As the sunflower landscape breaks upon them in all its old-time beauty, the people think with a shudder of their escape and with a thrill of gratitude of the fut-They are just getting back their old-time hope and courage and pride. Kansas has been so long looked upon as the home of freaks and wheel-headed statesmen that the people are hardly able to realize that these freaks are being kicked out of office as fast as possible and that these statesmen have already been retired.

The people of Kansas have been looking backward for the past two years or more. They shut their eyes and saw a og line of illustrious and at times fanastic men troop silently over the Kansas plains. First there rose—grand, gentle and supreme, with the burden of a race's chains upon his head—the figure of John Brown, of Osawatomie; Jim Lane stepped out into his dooryard and re-enacted the dramatic ending of his theatrical life; Charles Robinson rose on constitution in his hand; bluff old om Carney pledged again his private ortune to save the credit of the state; Preston B. Plumb rose round by round rom the printer's case to the highest with; John J. Ingalis bounded from a awver's office to the United States senwir energies to make Kansas what she

Then the people awoke from this Then the people awoke from this splendid dream; awoke to the reality; awoke to find a huckster of butter and exgs and a peddler of policy shops perched in the chair once adorned by harles Robinson and Thomas Carney nd John A. Martin; to find chaos here once was order; to hear the doc-ine of despair preached from the pulis of thanksgiving and anarchy pro-nimed from the judge's bench. They woke to find that Kansas had been ab-ucted by a band of political bandittl; impecunious philanthropists and unformed reformers; of bibutous prohi-Seven Sutherland Sisters, of selfdained laymen and excommunicated eachers; of lawyers without cases and rmers without farms; of doctors thout patients and parsons without

hat the nation should listen as of old the counsel of her statesmen; that ansas should no longer be the buffoon mong the sovereign states of this ountry. For the heresy of despair they timion of the Golden Rule; for the inon sense. The people of Kansas are ottling up and they have begun to ttle down. The mortgages are being aid and the Lease will soon be cane Peffers and the Simpsons and the osters and the Davises and the menses. Kansas has emerged with a ms upon her in the past; smiles as sthinks of the grasshoppers and the rouths and the blizzards and the cylonest the frosts and the hard times country plague, Popullam, she does o reach through difficulties.

Though Kansas City is without pubte parks for breathing places in the and they are convenient of access from my part of the city, with the cost of As long as these places are maintained nobely will seriously miss the public parks which should have been provided from any, but who can tell how long this will be? They are now kept up for the benefit of the various lines of immenciation and at large expense, but the time will come when the ground thus occupied will be too valuable for this to continue, and then the city will have to come up with a big sum of As it now is, the maintenance of pubproportion to the use the people would make of them. Nine out of every ten who go out for airing will go where the best enterfalament is offered. The iness in competition with the corpora-tions running the parks we now have, and as long as the present attractions

rivalry having stimulated the various managers to their best efforts to call out everybody on pleasant days. And with rowing, bathing, bowling, swinging, plenicking, and with music, dancing. yelling and performances of all sorts from opera and drama to feats of skill forgertes and frauds is as impudent an getic fawn of Ardmore, I. T., is one exhibition of gall as one could wish to which is peculiarly unfortunate in every thing to attract all classes. Every research

shame and distress. If it could but loss him now there is a chance that it might yet recover from some part of its fils and possibly become in a measurable degree happy. But it did not lose him then, and it can't lose him now. He has planted himself on the high ground of a commander for the coming national

wheat brought the prices it commanded are the representatives of the American | that supply the sinews of war. He has definitely classed opposition to the free colnage of silver to be gold monometallism out and out, with no middle ground. Bi-metallism in any shape is a party heresy according to his reading of the Democratic gospel. It is charged that he has split the party wide open by his letter to the West, but that is not so. The party was split already. He made it impossible for it to reunite.

The silver element of the party now know just what any platform compromise in the next national campaigr would mean. Any reference to "safe currency," "sound money," "parity" or "ratio," would be understood as jugglery with the real issue. Mr. Cleveland has given the key to these catch words as being a currency based on a single gold standard. He has been accepted by the anti-free coinage element as the oracle of the silver haters and the agent of the gold ring. He has drawn the line so close to the side of absolute gold monopoly that no middle ground whatever is left. To be or not to be a Democrat in the contest that is now on, according to the Cleveland confession of faith, depends upon which side of this line the probationist shall stand.

This fact necessitates the setting up of another shrine that shall offer comfort, consolation and protection to the great majority of the party. They can't lose Mr. Cleveland, but they can set up bi-party standards, and they will unquestionably do so, with the prospect before them of having a dual head to their ticket, as they did in 1856 when the fatal division occurred at the

The income tax returns are so insignificantly small that treasury officials are justified in regarding them as not a true showing of the condition to which Democratic rule has reduced the country. Incomes have been slaughtered, to be sure, but they have not been wholly wiped out. Somebody is evidently trying to dodge.

FRUIT WITHOUT SEEDS.

Gardeners Trying to Do Away With Prick-

Gardeners Trying to Do Away With Prick-les and Appendicitis.

From the Washington Star.

"Appendicitis may not be so fashionable a disease a few years hence as it is now," said Assistant Fornologist Taylor. "Gardeners are trying their best to get rid of seeds in fruits. Already we have the navel orange, which is nearly always seedless. Some varieties of appies have been produced that have almost no seeds. They are abnormalities. Sometimes they are called 'bloomless,' because the blossoms have no petals, and in some cases lack stamens. The core is very small, and commonity there is a hollow at the end opposite the stem. These seedless apples are generally poor in flavor, being grown merely as curlostless. "Baiss producers in Collegant see the poor in flavor, being grown merely ostiles, in producers in California are try obtain seedless grapes for raising

and surface ar means, and has been so union is seedless, and has been so unles, though nobody knows why apagated by suckers, and possibly it apagated by suckers, and possibly it apagated by suckers, and possibly in a product be to the control of the seeds when it was first found in the seed of the seed

well, and her chains formed an adorting well, and Percy, "I'm going to start a restaurant, and instead of having people pay their bills by prices per order, I'm going to have scales at the door. Man is weighed when he comes in; weighed when he comes in; weight registered. Weighet again when he goes out, and is charged per pound gain. Is'nt that great?"

"Ot, Percy," they all gasped, admiringly, "you're a regular genius."

ALL OVER MISSOURL

Highwille has a new bus and transfer line.

Salisbury's new women call their organization the Sans Hommes Club.

The Spooners are to open a new opera house at Queen City, Monday hight,

A Queen City woman marketed a lot of highma chekens recently that averaged by pounds such in weight.

The Ash Grove Republican says that prospects for a big beach and apple crop in that vicinity are very flattering.

A Chariton county man killed a couple of foxes and captured five live ones in the Newcomer heighborhood the other day.

A Highwallie man struck a streak of lack the other day. He succeeded in trading off a k-year-old horse for a good calf.

The Lexination school board talks of requiring a pledge from the female teachers that they will not marry during the school year.

The strictly swell social functions in Oscieola are those given by the members of the Semper Felice Club. They are always happy affairs.

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of the Semper Felice Club. They are all ways happy affairs.

Miss Hyrina Show was re-elected school commissioner of Fige county the other day by a unanimous vote. There was no show for an opposition candidate.

A newspaper man has bought the plant of the definite Oscolla Sun, and will take the material to Arkansias and start a Republican paper. There's the genuine missionary spirit for You.

Captain fieldy P. Nichell, of Bates county, has been selected as a member of the staff of General Jo Shelby as commander of the Confederate veterans of Missouri. He runks as houtenant colonel.

The girls of the Snoorer company made a tremendious mash on the susceptible Saijabary dudes, hitting the dear boys so hard that a delegation of them followed the commany clear over to Mokerly.

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that a delegation of them followed the company clear ever to Moberly.

An illinois capitalist is investigating the possibilities of a cob pine factory in Salisbury and has agreed to feate one there if the interest sear by will plant a sufficient amount of the right kind of sorn.

Information comes from a St. Louis friend of his that Major Cole is at present engaged in conducting a remarkably successful series of revival meetics, in Denison. Tex., and not only is not dead, but was never more royally living than now. Jodin News: The people of Schalla are in the swim endeavoring to capture the permanent seat of government of Missouri. Phis has been the hobby of J. West Goodwin and his Isason many years. If there is a fravored community anywhere on earth hereing a man at the head of its chief sewepaises that was always, in scason or at of season, advocating the city's merits mai is courageous enough to denaunce any crong that was being perpetrated upon its scoole, that place is Setalia, and the man J. I west Goodwin, The city of Sedalia wes him a debt of gratitude that it never an or will liquidate.

BLACKBURN SPEAKS OUT.

THE RENTUCKY SENATOR, TALKS BOLDLY FOR FREE SILVER.

He Sends Forth a Challenge for the Statesmen of the Dark and Bloody Ground to Answer-Almed at Carlisle.

Louisville, Ky., April 20.- In an interview

given below, published in to-day's Courier-Journal Senator Biackburn in unmistakable terms outlines his position on the silver question and boidly throws down the gauntiet to his opponents for similar can-dor on the same subject. With his usual gauntiet to his opponents for similar candor on the same subject. With his usual aggressiveness the senator almost dires his opponents to meet him on the issue he represents, and it may be assumed the challenge will be promptly accepted. Though Senator Blackburn has persistently and repeatedly been solicited for an explicit expression through the newspapers of his views on silver, he has heretofore declined to be interviewed, and the statement given to-day is the first and only interview to which he has given authority. Senator Blackburn has written with his own hand the statement of the position on which he expects to stand or fall in the senatorial face. His challenge to his opponents is that they express their views as candidy as he does his through the columns of the Courier-Journal, that their position may become as widely known as his own, and that the people may decide between them.

Senator Blackburn yesterday prepared the following statement as an authoritative expression of his views and answers to criticisms that have been based upon erroneous or misleading reports of alleged interviews:

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anxious to avoid, if possible, a perversion and distortion to which my ulterances have generally (of course, unintentionally), been subjected.

"I never had, have not now, and never intend to have any secrets in politics. I never did and never will ask the support of the people without giving them the full-est information as to my position and sentiments. I am at a loss to understand how abyone, especially in Kentucky, can remain in fenorance as to my sentiments upon the silver question, if they feel enough interest in the matter to desire such information. For the last twenty years, in congress and on the stump, anywhere and everywhere. I have earnestly and persistently insisted upon the restoration of the silver metal to that place in the money system of the country which it always held prior to the passing of that disastrous act of demonstization in 1872. If there is one man in public life in all the country whose views upon this subject were entitled to be known to all men by reason of his acts and utterance, I had reason to believe I was that man. Upon this subject I have never held an opinion nor made an interance that I have in the slightest degree altered or modified in all these years. Yet if there is still any uninformed who desire to know my views I will reliterate them in the shortest space possible by saying I am in favor of opening the mints of this country to the unlimited coinage of the sliver metal on an equality for the contage of this country to the unificated coinage of the sliver metal on an equality for the contages of sold. I am opposed to sliver metal on an equality for the contages of which country. I would be glid to see this result brought about by the action of an international conference, provided it could be done without delay. I am opposed to this government waiting for any such conference to act. Our experience with such agencies has not been such as to give us either confidence or hope of the attainment of this purpose, Upon the contrary, our participations in such conference wi

policy), of one-half our redemption money, has contributed more than any cause to the shrinkage of all values; the depreciation of all property; the stagnation of trade; the paralysis of industry—the financial troubles in which we now find ourselves. Whilst it may be true the restoration of silver to its place of unrestricted coinage and unlimited legal tender function may not prove a panacea for the life that we now suffer. I am convinced it will do more and go further in that direction than any one plees of legislation that has been suggested. I have an abiding faith in the capacity of this metal to work out and maintain its permanent parity with

the service of the situation. That is an attraction of the situation of th

MARRIED BY LOT.

How the Families of Some of New Orleans
Four Hundred Came Into Esistence.

New Orleans Correspondence Cincinnati
Enquirer.

Some of the too of the gay Crescent city
of to-day can trace their descent backward
to the time of the foundation of this colone, but that is a page perhaps that they
are the control of the control of the colone, but that is a page perhaps that they
as had far go whom officers and convidence
that there was a scardity of wometime. The soldlers made raids upon Indian
villages and captured many dusky mates,
but they could not be domestacted, and,
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the reformatory prison the Saltpettiers,
Paris, were shipped to New Orleans, in
charge of the material of the duty of
seeling them properly married. Their arrival created great excitement in this village of wooden shantles. The governor
received them in state and they were escorted by troops to the governor's mansion, where they became guest of this
and were known afterwards throughout
the colony as 'in filles de cassettes.' or
"the casket grid, is the box containing
their new articles of clothing was in the
shape of a casket.

The governor distributed the women by lotter, it is stated that there was some exchanging of brides but, as a rule, the allotment of chance was shaded by.

In a few months, however, the was
trouble. The "pe

WHO DISCOVERED ALCOHOL? Mystery of Science Which a Savant Can-

A Mystery of Science Which a Savant Cannot Clear Up.

Alcoholic beverages are as old as the
world itself; alcohol itself is modern. Today it is the best beloved and worst abused
of all chemical compounds; but the ancients, who knew its uses as well as we
do, had no idea of its existence. It has
heen reserved for a French chemist, M.
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The very name of alcohol, so far as it is applied to the product of distillation of whee, is modern. Up to the end of the eighteenth century the word, which is of Arabic origin, signified any principle obtained by extreme pulverzation or by sub-limation. For example, it was applied not only to our alcohol, but also to the powder of sulphate of antimony used for blackening the cycbrows, and to divers other substances.

In the thirteenth and even the fourteenth centuries, no author applied the word to the product of vinous distillation. The term "spirits of wine," or "ardent spirit," though more ancient, was not any better known in the thirteenth century; for at this time the word "spirit," was applied only to volatile agents, capable of acting on metals. As to the name "cau de vie," this was applied during the tritenth and fourteenth centuries to the elixir of life sought for by the alchemists. In reality, it was under the name of "ardent" (i. e., inflammable) water that our alcohol made its first appearance.

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According to Berthelot, distilling apparatus was invented by the Arabian pharmacists; but there is no evidence that any of these ever distilled alcohol, though passages in the works of certain Arabic authors have been wrongly interpreted to this effect.

Abdul Casim, for instance, a Moorish physician of Cordova, who lived about loo, had a distillery, and distilled in it, for medicinal purposes, rose water, vinegar and wine; but he made no distinction between the different products of distillation, though he recognized that these were not simply water as Aristotle thought. The most ancient manuscript that contains a precise indication in this direction is one written in the twelfith century, wh

IS IT TO COME THIS YEAR?

STRONOMERS EXPECT TO SEE THE BETHLEHEM STAR.

there Has Been a General Disturbance of the Solar System. This Year Due to the Comet's Approach.

will the star of Bethlehem which guided the 'wise men' of the Bible appear
during the closing years of this census??
There are many astrologers who condidentity predict its reappearance, and the recent disturbances in the heavenly bedies
cent disturbances in the heavenly bedies
great astronomical phenomenon is approaching. According to the calculations
of the past the star should appear some
time between 180 and 1835, and the present
tyear being the hast of the line set for it,
there is considerable anxiety displayed
by those interested in the question. Fethlehem was a mythical appearance in the
hoavens or a real, genisine new star intended to guide the Massi to Bethlehem
is settled by different people, according to
the amount of their religious belief, but
octainly the reappearance of some star
or comet in the heavens at stated intervals
astronomics in the atom. The eather appearance of the star is shrouded in considerable mystery, owing to the lack of
any scientific observation, and all the records we have are stories of writers and
common peasants. From all accounts the
star of Bethlehem has reappeared about
every dis years since the hirth of Christ.

Is an of the star is appearance then we
have the most trustworthy account. "One
evening, as I was watching the heavens in
my accustomed manner. Tycho Brahe
writes, "I saw, to my great astonishment,
in the constellation of Cassiopeia, a brillight that are of unusual clearness." A few,
Cornellus Gemma, saw the star and collectitle was a proper of the star of Bethlehem, and its appearance at that time tallied with its periodical appearance in 134,
365, 850 and 315. The star was described by
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of the heavens was the old star of Bethlehem, and its appearance at that time tallied with its periodical appearance before
the wise men. Moreover, it is not stationary, but it, slowly moved away and disappeared in an incredibly short time from the
heavens. Its first discovery was on Novening as the servin

To support their theory they show that there was a contunction of Jupiter, Mars and Saturn in September of the year 3, B. C.

But at no time during the conjunction were these planets nearer together than a degree, and they would hardly be taken for one star. Their combined brilliancy, however, would give as much light and power as the mysterious visitor that has so often appeared.

During the last year universal disturbances and appearances in the heavenly bodies have been noted by scientists, as if they were somewhat affected by the attractive force of another body not regularly acting upon them. More meteoric showers have been reported in the Southern part of the world than usual, and storms of great destructiveness have swept over the whole globe. The coldness of the present winter is attributed by astronomers to the influence of the planets, and whenever a comet has approached the earth in the past unusual weather has prevailed beforehand as if to announce its coming. Moreover, the powerful telescopes now used for scanning the heavens reveal an unusual number of ecilpses, as if the disturbance had caused some of the lesser bodies to travel a little out of their courses. The wonderful variable star Algol in Peresus, for instance, has constant, by of late undergone great changes. A dark body almost as large as Algol has several times blotted our its existence from our view. The appearance of this huge black object is a mystery to astronomers of 10-10x.

Then the snows of Mars which have so long been visible to powerful telescopes have gradually disappeared. Early last October it was reported that the polar snow cap of Mars had entirely disappearen. No such rapid and unexplained disappearance of the snow on the earth or on Mars has ever before been reported. Jupiter in its recent appearance has been more brilliantly helted than ever before, and as it rises it displays an imwonted profusion of color. Venus has been shrouded in more or less of showers of meteors so that its face could not be seen distinctly, but

VIEW FROM GOLDEN HILL.